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1. THE FOLLOWING LETTER (REF B) WAS RECEIVED FROM DR. MANSOOR AL-TURKI, SAUDI COORDINATOR, SAUDI-U.S. JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION:

"RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA, MAY 1, 1975

MR. SHIRL F. MCARTHUR, LIAISON OFFICER, SAUDI-U.S. JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION, RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA

DEAR MR. MCARTHUR:

PENDING EXECUTION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT PROCEDURES, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE MONEY DEPOSITED IN THE SAUDI TRUST FUND ACCOUNT NUMBER 20X6423 WITH THE U.S. TREASURY AMOUNTS NECESSARY TO COVER EXPENSES OF TEAMS OF EXPERTS ALREADY UNDERWAY OR CONTEMPLATED IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS:

1) AGRICULTURE - TO PUT A FRAMEWORK FOR ALL INPUTS FROM THE U.S. SIDE AND THE SAUDI SIDE TO IMPLEMENT THE FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AGRICULTURE AREAS. ESTIMATED COST: \$102,000.

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2) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THE

CURRENT SCIENTIFIC BASE IN SAUDI ARABIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE SAUDI NATIONAL CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. ESTIMATED COST: \$26,700.

3) EDUCATION - TO EVALUATE THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM. ESTIMATED COST: \$59,900.

4) VOCATIONAL TRAINING - TO ADVISE AND ASSIST ON SAUDI INSTRUCTORS TRAINING PROGRAM, PLUS INITIAL ASSISTANCE IN CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING AND MANAGING VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS. ESTIMATED COST: \$54,800.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS FROM THE ESTIMATED AMOUNTS WILL NOT BE WITHDRAWN WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH MY OFFICE. SINCERELY YOURS,

/S/ DR. MANSOOR AL-TURKI, SAUDI COORDINATOR, SAUDI-U.S. JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION."

2. EMBASSY ANTICIPATES NO FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF DR. TURKI'S APPOINTMENT. JIDDA'S 2918 MAY BE CONSIDERED THE OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT.
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